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SUBJECT: MRS. PERON AND IMPROPER TRANSFER OF FUNDS

1. PRESS REVELATIONS OVER WEEKEND THAT MRS. PERON, WITH APPARENT HELP OF FORMER INTERIOR MINISTER BENITEZ, DIVERTED APPROXIMATELY $800,000 FROM A PERONIST SOCIAL ACTION FUND TO GENERAL PERON'S ESTATE HAVE GENERATED PUBLIC COMMENT. SEVERAL UCR CONGRESSMEN HAVE REQUESTED FURTHER DETAILS ON THE TRANSACTION AND LA PRENSA, BITTER PERONIST CRITIC, PUBLISHED SCATHING EDITORIAL ON AFFAIR.

2. SENATE PRESIDENT LUDER WAS QUESTIONED ON SUBJECT AT LUNCHEON HOSTED BY FOREIGN PRESS CORPS. HE TOOK POSITION THAT MATTER NOT ONE OF PARLIAMENTARY INTEREST AS NO FORMAL RESOLUTION FOR INVESTIGATION YET INTRODUCED. HE ALSO SAID THAT TRANSFER WAS AN ADMINISTRATIVE MISTAKE THAT HAD ALREADY BEEN CORRECTED.

3. THE BASIC CHARGE MADE BY PRESS WAS THAT MRS. PERON HAD ATTEMPTED TO DEPOSIT APPROXIMATELY US $800,000 (31.5 MILLION ARGENTINE PESOS) FROM A PERONIST SOCIAL ACTION FUND TO THE ACCOUNT OF THE ESTATE OF HER DECEASED HUSBAND, JUAN PERON. SPOKESMEN FOR MRS. PERON MAINTAINED THE TRANSACTION WAS AN ERROR AND THAT SHE HAS TAKEN STEPS TO RETURN FUNDS TO CORRECT ACCOUNT. AS FORMER INTERIOR MINISTER BENITEZ HANDLED MATTER, ACTING AS
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MRS. PERON'S LAWYER IN TRANSACTION, SHE REPORTEDLY

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BLAMED HIM FOR ENTIRE INCIDENT.
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